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Examiner : Palabrida, Ricardo J.
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Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 20, 2007, for the above-identified application.

No fee is believed due. However, if any fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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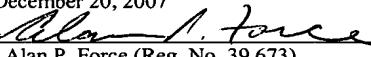
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2007, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.